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# ACCA COMMUNIQUÉ

ALBERTA CONTINUING CARE ASSOCIATION

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## CEO Commentary

It's already mid-October and less than 2 weeks until our [IQ Conference](#), the final details of which are coming together smoothly! There is still time to register and join us for networking, learning from a world-class program of speakers, and celebrating Excellence and Innovation in Continuing Care! IQ is yours to enjoy; we hope to see you October 23 & 24 for IQ 2018!



Other initiatives we look forward to sharing with you in the coming weeks include our Annual General Meeting happening November 15th featuring Alberta Politics Analyst Paul McLoughlin and new Board Member announcements, followed by our Annual Corporate Membership Appreciation Wine & Cheese Reception. We also continue to have great discussions with key government leaders and other stakeholders as part of our Government Relations Strategy and look forward to talking about these with you at the AGM.

ACCA's Greatest Strength: Our Members!

Tammy Leach, Chief Executive Officer

## Public Policy

**Minister's Annual Continuing Care Forum:** ACCA attended the Forum on October 5th which saw Minister of Health Sarah Hoffman, Deputy Minister Milton Sussman, leaders from Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services, and other key stakeholders come together to talk about person-centred care. Discussions focused on identifying challenges to providing truly person-centred care and how, together, these can be overcome. These are exactly the types of conversations guests at IQ 2018 can expect to engage in as, together, we explore the policies and frameworks that support seniors and those receiving Continuing Care services while challenging the myths around aging. ACCA is the Recognized Voice of Continuing Care and are thrilled to have leaders joining us October 23 for our opening Plenary Panel.

## Save the Date! ACCA AGM November 15

The ACCA AGM is happening at the Renaissance Edmonton Airport Hotel followed immediately by our Corporate Membership Appreciation Reception. Watch for the invitation coming soon!

## Membership Renewals

A friendly reminder to Members to please update renewal information by October 15th, which was sent to you in September. The information you provide us helps in having meaningful, data-supported conversations when we meet with key stakeholders! We appreciate your support. Contact [janet.adam@ab-cca.ca](mailto:janet.adam@ab-cca.ca) should you have any questions.

## HQCA Quality Exchange

The Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA) is pleased to introduce a new program: Quality Exchange, which shares information about positive things

**Building Communities of Care Capital Plan Announced:** On October 5, Minister Hoffman announced the new capital program "Building Communities of Care". Minister Hoffman indicated the focus will be on the areas of most need, those with complex care needs and indigenous people. The program has four elements:

- AHS recent Request For Proposals (RFP) for non-capital spaces
- Add to existing infrastructure; for example: vacancies in Lodges
- New public builds
- Indigenous communities

Submissions from the recent RFP are currently being reviewed with results anticipated to be released in a few weeks.

**Continuing Care Facilities Comprehensive Reporting Committee:** The CCFCRC met on October 1. A Focus Group will be struck to revise the Cash Flow Statement section of FIRMS reporting and examine automating FIRMS reporting so that once the FIRMS Excel spreadsheet is completed, the data can be uploaded into FIRMS through an automated process rather than manually. Alberta Health is targeting Q3 2018 to implement the revised Cash Flow Statement. Timelines to automate FIRMS is TBD. In the future, Alberta Health anticipates identifying changes in the fall for implementation in the following fiscal year.

## Member Value and Engagement

[IQ 2018](#) provides a unique opportunity to mingle and share insights and experiences with colleagues, consumers, service providers, health care professionals, retailers and industry representatives. With the largest IQ Tradeshow in recent years, inspirational speakers, and another nearly record-shattering number of Awards of Excellence nominees, IQ 2018 is a must-attend event. In fact 99% of delegates said IQ 2017 provided a practical approach to learning. To quote a delegate: "You managed to reignite and motivate me! You did an amazing job!"

Watch for our Communications Manager, Heather Aggus, who will be on Global News Morning next week talking about IQ! While aging is inevitable, changing the conversation so that we embrace aging can only bring exciting, positive results. The mile markers on life's journey can become less confining and life's transition can be the adventure we so often take for granted!

[Register at www.accaiq.com/registration-and-accommodation/](http://www.accaiq.com/registration-and-accommodation/) today!

## Community Engagement

happening in Alberta's healthcare system. Whether it's featuring innovation in clinical practice, or humanizing the way healthcare is delivered, Quality Exchange shares initiatives that have impacted outcomes and experiences of staff, families, patients, residents and clients. [Click here to view Quality Exchange.](#)

### Contest Time!

Sidney Craig Courtice will be hosting one of our two Pre-Conference Workshops with her presentation on Empathy and Emotional Intelligence at Work. How many areas of Emotional Intelligence are there?

Find the answer in the [IQ Program](#) and email [heather.aggus@ab-cca.ca](mailto:heather.aggus@ab-cca.ca) for your chance to win a coffee gift card! You must be present at IQ 2018 to claim the prize though! Winner will be drawn at random from registered respondents.

### Celebrating and Giving Thanks

We hope you had a warm, restful Thanksgiving; how did you celebrate the holiday? Let us know! Pictured: Our Communications Manager's Pop and sister got in some apple picking.



The 2018 Seniors' Health & Wellness Forum is happening Saturday November 3 at the Central Lions Seniors Recreation Centre in Edmonton, from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. Limited seating is available and registration is free. Email [eweisbrot@mysage.ca](mailto:eweisbrot@mysage.ca) or call 780.809.8604.

Canadian Patient Safety Week is October 29 to November 2. This year the Safety Week is focused on Medication Safety, with the goal of reducing medication errors across Canada. The theme is Not All Meds Get Along, prompting patients and healthcare professionals to seek medication reviews for at-risk populations. [Click here](#) to be directed to the website.

The Spotlight on Innovation Health to Home Event is happening November 7 at the Westin Hotel in Edmonton. The event is designed to unleash innovation by connecting clinical knowledge, innovative talent and business development expertise. [Click here](#) for complete information and to register.

The Translating Research in Elder Care (TREC) program is undertaking a priority setting exercise and needs your help in completing a survey in which you can share your ideas, thoughts and questions. [Click here](#) for the survey which must be completed by October 31.

## Contact Us At Any Time!

Share your comments and concerns with us at any time, whether online at [www.ab-cca.ca](http://www.ab-cca.ca) or email [heather.aggus@ab-cca.ca](mailto:heather.aggus@ab-cca.ca)!

Don't forget to regularly check the CEO Blog in the Members' Section of the website as this is where you can provide your feedback on specific upcoming strategic meetings!

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